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TEMPLE DIAMOND JUBILEE

"Temples of the Church are one on the greatest means of character building and have a special place in the Church aside from the ordinances given and performed within."

This statement by President David O. McKay highlighted the Diamond Jubilee of the Logan Temple, held Sunday, May 17, in the assembly room of the temple.

The commemorative services were held under the direction of Temple President A. George Raymond with a congregation of approximately 900 persons all attending by special invitation.

COUNSELLORS SET APART

The two counsellors in the First Presidency were set apart to their new positions Thursday, June 18 in the Salt Lake Temple by President David O. McKay.

President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., was set apart as first counsellor and President Henry D. Moyle as second counsellor to which positions they were appointed last Friday.

The ordinance of setting apart took place before the weekly meeting in the Temple of the First Presidency and Council of the Twelve.

M.I.A. DANCE FESTIVAL

The June 22 issue of TIME magazine carries an illustrated article entitled "Dancing Denomination", telling about the M.I.A. Dance Festival held at the University of Utah Stadium in Salt Lake City. Almost 8,000 dancers took part in the Festival.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

QUITE frequently we are faced with adverse literature and among the most common of accusations made is that we believe Adam is our God. The reference used is from the writings of Brigham Young, and has come to be known as the Adam God theory. The implication that we worship Adam in place of God our Eternal Father is false and missionaries and members should be well prepared to set forth our true belief concerning this theory.

The following statement issued by the Church should clarify and assist us in defending this false accusation. The statement made by Brigham Young is as follows:

"He (Adam) helped to make and organise this world. He is Michael the Archangel, and Ancient of Days, about whom holy men have written and spoken. He is our father and our god, and the only god with whom we have to do."

If the enemies of the Church who quote this wished to be honest, they could not help seeing that President Brigham Young definitely declares that Adam is Michael, the Archangel, the Ancient of Days, which indicates definitely that Adam is not Elohim, or the God whom we worship, who is the Father of Jesus Christ. Further, they could see that President Young declared that Adam **helped** to make the earth. If he helped then he was subordinate to someone who was superior. In another paragraph in that same discourse, President Young said: "It is true that the earth was organised by three distinct characters, namely, Elohim, Jehovah, and Michael." Here he places Adam, or Michael, third in the list, and hence the least important of the three mentioned, and this President Young understood



perfectly. We believe that Adam, known as Michael, had authority in the heavens before the world was framed. He dwelt in the presence of the Father and the Son and was subject to their direction as the Scriptures plainly indicate. Again in this discourse, President Young said: "When the Lord by His power and wisdom organised the mortal tabernacle of man, we were made first spiritual (i.e. in heaven) and afterwards temporal (i.e. on this earth.)" Now what man was organised **first** by the Lord? Naturally, it was Adam, and so President Young taught in this very same discourse. There are Gods above him, even the Father and the Son.

To believe that Adam is a God, should not be strange to any person who accepts the Bible. When Jesus was accused of blasphemy because he claimed to be the Son of God, he answered the Jews: "Is it not written

in your law, I said, Ye are gods? If he called them gods unto whom the word of God came, and the scriptures cannot be broken; Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world: Thou blasphemest because I said, I am the Son of God?" (John 10: 34-36.)

Paul said writing to members of the Church in Rome: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Romans 8:14) And to the Galatians he said: "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts crying, Abba, Father."

The expression that Adam is the only God with whom we have to do, has caused great discussion and the question naturally arises, do we not have to do with Jesus Christ and His Father? Certainly we do, and we are taught to pray to the Father in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son, and all that we do is to be done in the name of the Son. To make clear what President Young had in mind, I will give this illustration.

The army is composed of a great number of privates and officers of various ranks. The private in the army is, of course, under the captain, and the captain is under the colonel who receives instructions from his superior officers. In other words, the only person with whom the private has to do is his captain. This illustration may seem rather crude, but I think it will convey the thought.

President Brigham Young was thoroughly acquainted with the doctrine of the Church. He studied the Doctrine and Covenants and many times quoted from it the particular passages concerning the relationship of Adam to Jesus Christ. He knew perfectly well that Adam was subordinate and obedient to Jesus Christ. He knew perfectly that Adam had been placed at the head of the human family by commandment of the Father, and this doctrine he taught during the many years of his ministry. When he said Adam was the only god with whom we have to do, he evidently had in mind this passage given through Joseph Smith and found in the Doctrine and Covenants, (Section 78: 15-16).

"That you may come up unto the crown prepared for you, and be made rulers over many kingdoms, saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Zion (i.e. Jesus Christ) who hath established the foundation of Adamondi-Ahman. Who hath appointed Michael (Adam) your prince, and established his feet, and set him upon high, and given him the keys of salvation, under the counsel and direction of the Holy One, who is without beginning of days and end of life."

This doctrine was also taught by Joseph Smith, who said:

"The Priesthood was first given to Adam. He obtained it in the Creation, before the world was formed. He had dominion given him over every living creature. He is Michael the Archangel, spoken of in the Scriptures. — The Priesthood is an everlasting principle, and existed with God from eternity, and will to eternity without beginning of days or end of years. The keys have to be brought from heaven whenever the Gospel is sent. When they are revealed from heaven, it is by Adam's authority.—Christ is the Great High Priest, Adam next."



If the keys of salvation have been committed to the hands of Adam, under the direction of Jesus Christ, then is there anything out of place for President Brigham Young to declare that it is Adam with whom we have to do? And yet here is the acknowledgment of the superiority of Jesus Christ. This being true, then the human family is immediately subject to Adam and he to the Redeemer of the world. Again, to illustrate this point: In the Church we have a presiding officer whom we call the Bishop, he has full charge in the ward over which he presides. This bishop is subject to the direction of the Stake President,

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THE LORD'S WAY

"**B**E ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (Matthew 5:48.) With these words the Lord established the goal that each of us is to strive for.

The goal is high, but it is within the reach of each one of us. Even as in the ordinary pursuits of life, progress is not attained suddenly but comes with conscientious and continued effort; so in climbing the path which leads to perfection, we must be methodical and persistent.

The Lord has been good to us. He has given us "guidance signs" to keep us on the course.

These guidance signs are the simple principles of the gospel. Even as in traffic, so with the road that leads to Celestial Glory, there are many **one way** streets. In each case if we heed the directions given us we will arrive at our destination in safety, but if we ignore them the chances are very strong that we will run into injury and finally disaster.

Wisely have we been counselled, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33). He that is seeking or placing the Kingdom of God **first** will live each day, earnestly endeavouring to learn more of the "plan of life and salvation" and to live it. He will honestly try to walk in the light that he has received.

It has been said that our life is like that of a railroad engineer driving his train through the dark night. He moves the train forward, unafraid, because the headlight shows him the path immediately

ahead, and he has faith that when he has driven the train that far that the headlight will illuminate the way for an additional distance.

And so it is with life. As we live in the light of the understanding that we have today, God will bless us with increased faith, strength and knowledge to illuminate our path tomorrow.

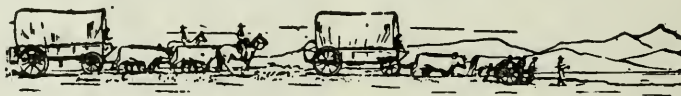
As in travelling our city and country highways, we find ourselves repeatedly at the "crossroads" and have to decide which road to take that we may reach our destination. So also with our daily journey along the pathway to perfection, there are frequent moments when we stand at the crossroads of decision between right and wrong.

Put "first things first" we are often counselled. Wise is he who, when standing at the crossroads of decision along the highway to perfection, has encouraged the companionship of the Holy Spirit to assist him in the placing of first things first in his decision. He is on the road to perfection.

"There is no excellence without effort—honest, intelligent, conscientious effort."

Someone has written, "The heights that great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward through the night."

"Be ye therefore perfect" in today's work that you may reach perfection tomorrow. Do it **The Lord's Way**.





THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

by President Glen G. Fisher

Today is the 27th June, and as I sit at my desk preparing to write an article for our C.S.M., I am reminded that one hundred and fifteen years ago to the day, Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum were martyred. As I scan back over the years and review the accomplishments of the Church, it seems such a long time ago and yet, one hundred and fifteen years is not so long; less than thirty years more than President McKay is old and only a few years more than twice my age. What a tremendous accumulation of history in these few years. It makes one stand in amazement at the things God has wrought. Today, as we view this tragic event of the past, there is much evidence that Joseph and Hyrum did not die in vain. They spilled their blood for the greatest cause of our time, a cause second only to the advent of Jesus, the Redeemer of the world. They died as a witness that the Kingdom of God had been established under their instrumentality and as a testimony that God and Jesus Christ, His Son, had only a few years previously visited the boy Joseph in a Sacred Grove.

What a current of events followed this declaration. Clergymen, devout Christians, men everywhere rose up in firm opposition and from that day until his martyrdom, the young Prophet knew no peace. The lives of these two young men followed the pattern of the Biblical prophets, and in the words of Ray B. West, a non-Mormon writer, the mob "unwittingly provided Joseph with the final correspondence between his Church and the original Church of Christ — martyrdom".

If the enemies of Mormonism thought that murdering their leader would stop its growth, they were sadly mistaken, for the Lord five years before had said: "As well might man stretch forth his puny arm to stop the Missouri river in its decreed course, or to turn it up stream, as to hinder the Almighty from pouring down knowledge from heaven upon the heads of the Latter-Day Saints". (Doctrine and Covenants 121:33.)

To say that the Church has not faced difficult periods, would not be true. There were times when

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AN old and inspiring prophet once said, "But now, O Lord, thou art our Father; we are the clay, and thou our potter, and we are the work of thy hand." (Isaiah 64:8.) I have passed over this scripture many times but never realized its significance until visiting a small native village bordering Mozambique. An old native bent with years was busily manoeuvring the graceful curves about a crude piece of clay creating an effective work

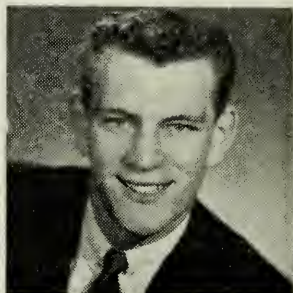
there is no justification for failure. I well remember the words of our great home run king, Babe Ruth. He often remarked, "Whenever I struck out at the plate, I felt sorry for the pitcher because I realized how much closer I was to my next home run". There is no disgrace in falling, only when we lie there and excuse the mistake by saying someone pushed us. Success or failure in any field is caused even more by mental attitudes than by mental

CLAY IN THE

of art. Many attempts were made to achieve the correct formula of mortar so the quagmire might cement in the simplest and graceful forms when tested by the infernal heat. A number of times pressure was applied and the vessel crumbled necessitating the mire to be thrown back into the pit and mixed once more. This may well be a remarkable analogy in life.

We are but the spirit children of God clothed with this mortal coil to be tested and tried by fire until we reach our consumation and become a polished shaft in the quiver of the Almighty. We have not been given this physical tabernacle to follow our own natural inclinations and the fabricated sophism that infiltrates our ranks daily, but rather to refine those developing attributes dictated through the molding powers of the spirit. Amidst this eternal plan God has declared the purpose for inhabiting this earth, "And we will prove them herewith to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them." (Abraham 4:25.) Paul also remarked while admonishing the saints at Corinth by saying, "For we walk by faith and not by sight" (II Cor. 5:7.)

This life is by no means an inhibition but offers every opportunity for development to fulfil the mission of



Elder David Le Baron

our creator. God has ordained this life as our probationary state and capacities.

The scriptures outline a beautiful formula for guiding ones character into a life of glowing service. The Lord himself has said, "Seek not to declare my work, but first seek to obtain my word, and then shall your tongue be loosed; then, if you desire, you shall have my spirit and my word, yea, the power of God unto the convincing of men". (D. & C. 11:21.) Here God has unveiled the first building block toward that structure of use, attaching a beautiful and simple promise. A good investment in knowledge pays the best interest, building a store house of wealth, but yet practise is the key to that treasure. If we are

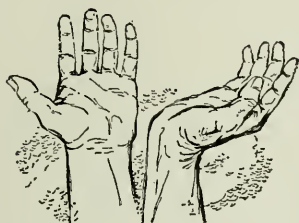
likening ourselves to the polished vessels of God, let them be full. Empty creations vibrate the loudest echoes.

To accomplish this overnight is impossible. It takes God hundreds of years to mature those towering temples of timber that stand erect along the misty slopes of the great Red Wood Drive and only sixty days to ripen a pumpkin. Good growth is slow growth and is accomplished line upon line and

others with this glorious light. As Truman Angel said, "Through the priesthood, the lost will find their way". Our creator cannot act through his bearers until they completely submit themselves into his hands.

Someone once said, "Where ever you find a human being, there also you will find an opportunity for acts of kindness". In part we all are the moldings of our master architect, so in turn he expects labour and refine-

POTTER'S HAND



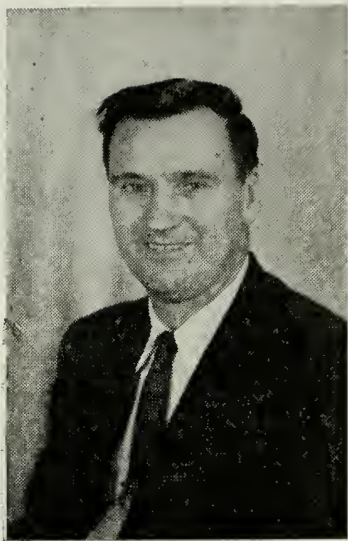
precept upon precept, here a little there a little. Building good character is a long arduous task.

The foundation to this earthly assignment is the revealing powers of the priesthood, but unfortunately many fail to comprehend its importance. Many members anticipating this calling have said it is an emblem of more influence, while others holding the priesthood state it is more authority, but this is not the case. The priesthood is the same with all in the higher endowment, only there are numerous offices to which we act in different manner. When we look at those in presiding offices of the church they may well be considered as first among equals. As long as this attitude prevails a wholesome spirit will abide, but just as soon as a man begins to look at his office in the Priesthood as a token of superiority over his fellow beings, then priestcraft replaces priesthood. The authority of God is given to us so we might govern ourselves upon correct principles and illuminate

ment among the least of them excluding none. Spare moments are the gold dust of time. Of all the portions of our life, the spare moments are the most fruitful in good or evil. What marvellous opportunities we have here in this good land. Above all this a great Nephite prophet exclaimed: "When you are in the service of your fellow beings, you are only in the service of your God". This is how the Father wants our progression to be and his vessels filled with acceptance of challenge and not impregnated with hypocrisy and dead mens bones.

A well-known Afrikaans writer once stated, "When we have a religion, we must do one of two things with it . . . spread it or give it up. If it is true we will spread it, if it is false we will give it up". Herein lies a challenge to our priesthood holders. Are we measuring up to the covenants made upon inauguration into the Church? It is a very erroneous teaching to believe procrastination can be reconciled with impunity. Honesty with oneself brings a closeness to God and a fuller realisation of life's purpose. To have the approval of your conscience when you are alone with your thoughts is like being in the company of true and loving friends. To merit your own self respect gives strength of character. Conscience is

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LEADERSHIP— —YOUTH....

by President J. M. Jakins

person your loving parents and your Heavenly Father want you to be.

May God help us to measure up to the standards of the Church in our personal lives, that we as parents may demand the inspiration of our Heavenly Father as we go forward to inspire the youth of the Church and provide their needs. Then our mutual memories will ever be pleasant and happy ones.

My testimony to the Youth of the Church and of the world is that Service in our Heavenly Father's Kingdom brings happiness and joy unmeasured. No one knows this better than I, because after being a member for 27 years and 9 months I was so greatly honoured at the M.I.A. Convention at Ramah this year to be found worthy by our Mission President and those associated with him to receive the M.I.A. Honorary Master M. Men Certificate and the lapel pin to wear. Once again I would like to say a very big thank you to the youth with whom I have worked throughout all these years and to President Glen Fisher for the recommendation of this honour, and also to my Heavenly Father for His part in choosing me to work for Him.

I would certainly be very ungrateful if I did not pay tribute to my brother and sisters and, of course, my wonderful mother and father, who were always shining examples and towers of strength to me. Then last, but by no means least, I must pay tribute to my wonderful wife for her loyal support, encouragement and help. God certainly blessed me when he gave me her as a helpmate in this important service, for there is no finer service than to serve youth—the leaders of to-morrow.

MANY times as a youth, sitting in church, I would hear the speakers say: "The youth of to-day will surely become the leaders of to-morrow." Of course, I just could not see this ever happening to me or others around me, but YOUTH I can tell you that there is no truer saying than this, and I know that we older people still tell you that to-day and as surely as the morning follows night you will become leaders in Zion. Prepare yourselves now, don't let chances slip by, don't be content to let others do all the work, but get in and put your shoulder to the wheel. It is not always easy, and of course sometimes you will think that the whole world is against you, but don't lose hope. The Lord will always help you if you will but ask and live according to His teachings.

But let us remember, dear brothers and sisters, that we cannot all be leaders; there must be some followers, so don't let little, petty differences of opinion creep into your organisations and spoil not only you but those with whom you come in contact. Love and be loved; remember that this great Church with its M.I.A. and Sunday Schools can make you the kind of

SERVICE

by Sister Edith Wiid

ONE of the greatest achievements in the life of a Latter-Day Saint is that of Service.

Full scope and opportunity is given in the auxiliaries of the Church; some may excel in one or another of these organisations, while others have a varied experience in many of the offices of the Church.

While each is as important as the other, those who are called to leadership and teach the youth of the Church feel theirs to be a choice calling, for development and growth is not only the experience of youth but also of those who are chosen to serve.

Youth in all generations face problems and complexities of life; they need counsel, advice, guidance and, last but not least, love.

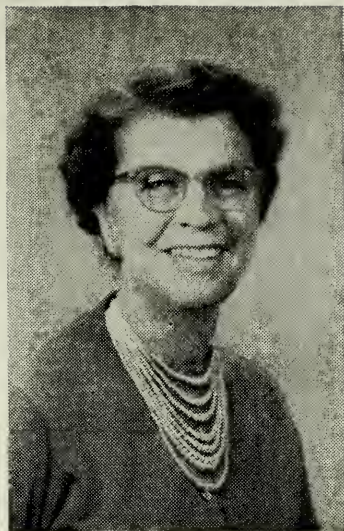
The leader and teacher who can combine these qualities together with tolerance, humility and confidence can accomplish much with youth.

My own experiences in this connection have been wonderful, for I love the Gospel and the people, both young and old, and owe much to the youth of the Church for my own growth and development.

I have learned through them to strive after the qualities required for this service, also to be cheerful and willing to co-operate with their plans and ideas.

We have enjoyed discussions on many subjects, and their expressions and thoughts have been most revealing. We have shared confidences, happiness, joy, disappointment, sorrow and problems.

Together we have gained a greater knowledge of the principles of the Gospel and a greater under-



standing of life, of giving and receiving, for youth is ever demanding, questing and seeking after the fundamental and eternal truths. Their ideals are noble and of a high standard and their future is centred around the Gospel tenets.

To watch the growth of youth is like watching the opening bud of a beautiful flower, and to know that as leader and teacher you have been instrumental in helping them to guard and cherish their purity in thought, deeds and actions is compensation for all the years of love and labour.

May the words of King Benjamin more fully express my gratitude: "Behold, I say unto you that because I said unto you that I had spent my days in your service, I do not desire to boast, for I have only been in the service of my God. And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom, that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God." B. of M. Mosiah 2:16-17.

Be yourself but always your BETTER self

YOUR QUESTION ANSWERED

By **PRESIDENT GLEN G. FISHER**

QUESTION:

IN our Apostacy lesson we compare the organization of Christ's Church with a building and then point out eleven offices within the priesthood, one of these being "prophets." Is it correct to say that a prophet is an office of the Melchizedek Priesthood? Please explain the meaning of the term "prophet." Can it be rightfully used in our Apostacy lesson?

ANSWER:

According to Priesthood and Church government, the offices of the Melchizedek Priesthood are as follows: 1st, Elder; 2nd, Seventy; 3rd, High Priest; 4th, Patriarch, who is chosen from among the High Priests; 5th, Apostle; 6th, The Presidency of the High Priesthood. In the Aaronic Priesthood we have: 1st, Deacon; 2nd, Teacher; 3rd, Priest; and 4th, Bishop, who is presiding Priest of the Aaronic Order. The names of the offices arising from or growing out of the several offices of the Melchizedek Priesthood are as follows: 1st, President of the Church and two Counsellors, 2nd, Prophet; 3rd, Seer; 4th, Revelator; 5th, Translator. In the Doctrine and Covenants the Lord speaks of a prophet as one who is called or one who receives a special gift. It would seem, therefore, that it would be more correct to designate a prophet as an officer rather than an office in the Melchizedek Priesthood. President David O. McKay is the Prophet of the Church, or, in other words, he has been given a special calling and also special gifts; and thus he presides as the High Priest over all the High Priesthood of the Church.

I have checked the Apostacy lesson, and I can see no difficulty, as certainly the Church is built on the structure of the Priesthood,

which includes the various offices and also officers of that Priesthood. This same thing applies to pastors. The meaning of a pastor is a shepherd of a flock, which could include a Bishop or a Stake President or a Branch President. A Pastor, therefore, is not an ordained office in the Priesthood, but he is a very important officer and is essential to our church organization or, as designated in the lesson, a structure or building.

Let us examine the meaning of the word prophet. The Prophet Joseph Smith has this to say: "A prophet is a person who knows by personal revelation from the Holy Ghost that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, for the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy. Accordingly, every prophet bears record of Christ. To Him give all the prophets witness (Acts 10:43), and if a professing minister of salvation is not a witness for Christ he is not a prophet. Nothing more than the testimony of Jesus is needed to make a person a prophet; and if this revealed knowledge has not been received, a person is not a prophet, no matter how many other talents or gifts he may have. But when a person has received revelation from the spirit certifying to the divinity of Christ he is then in a position to press forward in righteousness and gain other revelations, including those which foretell future events. Prophets in all ages accordingly have taken frequent occasion to foretell the future. Search the revelations of God, study the prophecies and rejoice that God grants unto the world Seers and Prophets."

There are, of course, ranks and grades of prophetic responsibility and authority. Every member of the Church should be a prophet as pertaining to his own affairs. In

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The Relief Society And What It Means

by Sister H. J. van Zyl

ON reading the words of Lucy Mack Smith, the mother of Joseph Smith, when she said "This institution (referring to the Relief Society) is a good one." I think that this remark embodies all my thoughts regarding this wonderful organisation which we as members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have. We should be thankful to Our Heavenly Father for the revelation given to the Prophet Joseph Smith instructing him to organise the Relief Society, which has grown to be such a power in the Church. In former days our sisters were not called upon to do very much in the Church. In the days of Paul they were counselled to be silent, and many other restrictions were placed upon them. Today our sisters take part in all the organisations that we have in the Church. The Relief Society enables the sisters to give service in the

training of our youth and of our own children, to watch over and bring comfort to one another and especially to share this wonderful gospel.

I know what a wonderful thing it is to me to be a member of our small branch, and to realise the blessings I have received since accepting the Gospel. I have learned to be more tolerant, loving and forgiving in my home and also to those with whom I come in contact.

I know without a shadow of a doubt that this is the true Church and pray that the Lord will give me strength to guide others to this knowledge that they may also know the happiness which we have in being of service to others.

May the sisters of the Church endeavour their utmost to see that the Relief Society is carried into the lives and homes of all the sisters of the Church.

YOUR QUESTION ANSWERED — Concluded

the old Testament (Numbers 11:29), Moses had this to say: "Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them." Those who hold offices or positions in the Church should be prophets both as pertaining to their own affairs and the affairs of the organisation over which they preside. A Quorum President should be a prophet to his Quorum, a Bishop to his Ward, a Stake President to his Stake. Members of the First Presidency and Council of the Twelve and the Patriarch to the Church are all sustained as Prophets, Seers and Revelators to the Church. Any new revelation for the Church would, of course, be presented to the people by the President of the Church, he being

the mouthpiece of God on earth. Amos said: "Surely the Lord God will do nothing but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."

Apostles and prophets are the foundation upon which the organisation of the true Church rests: (I Corinthians 12:28 and Ephesians 2:20). Where there are no apostles and prophets there is no divine Church, but where these offices are found there is the Church of Christ in all its glory, beauty and perfection. The inspired promise is that these offices will remain in the Church "until we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ". (Ephesians 4:13).

On Holding The Melchizedek Priesthood

by Elder G. Wiffen

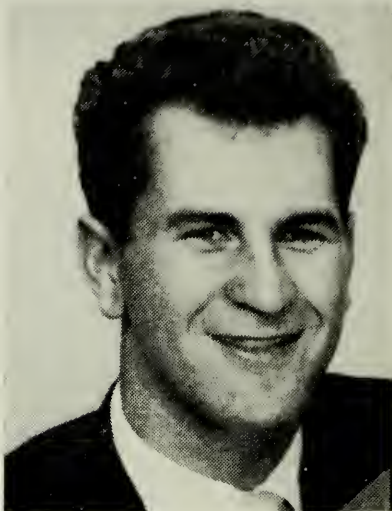
HAVING been ordained to the higher priesthood quite recently, my feelings towards holding this priesthood are, I feel, possibly a little immature and lacking in experience.

The feelings or thoughts I have about holding the higher priesthood are centred around the importance of the priesthood and the great responsibility in holding it. The more I study about the duties and purpose of the priesthood I feel a great responsibility upon my shoulders and that something great and wonderful has been entrusted to me. I feel privileged indeed that I have been given the authority to act for God.

To me the very idea of "acting for God" carries with it a compelling thought that His work must be properly and effectively done. I feel that by holding the higher priesthood we have to rely almost completely upon the Holy Spirit, for without His guidance we can do nothing. In Doctrine and Covenants 42:13-14 talking about elders, priests and teachers, we learn the following: "And they shall observe the covenants and church articles to do them, and these shall be their teachings as they shall be directed by the Spirit. And the Spirit shall be given unto you by the prayer of faith; and if ye receive not the Spirit ye shall not teach."

It is important for all priesthood holders to live in such a manner so as to be able to receive the Holy Ghost, for we learn in the Doctrine and Covenants that we should do nothing unless we are being guided by the Holy Spirit, and by just holding the priesthood does not serve any purpose, but by using the authority which we hold properly and effectively, only then will it serve the purpose for which it was given to man.

The purpose of the priesthood is to bring to pass the exaltation of



the children of God. When we can understand and appreciate the meaning of this we will realise the importance of man holding the priesthood, and by realising the importance of the holy priesthood we the holders should become servants of our fellow being, for without the ordinances performed by the Holy Priesthood man cannot obtain exaltation.

Without the priesthood we would have nothing—in fact, there would be nothing. Brigham Young said: "The Priesthood of the Son of God is the law by which the worlds are, were and will continue for ever and ever. It is the system which brings worlds into existence and peoples them, gives them their revolutions, their days, their weeks, months, years, their seasons and times, and by which they . . . go into a higher state of existence."

It is my sincere prayer that we who are priesthood bearers may at all times realise and appreciate the purpose and importance of holding the priesthood of God, that we may honour it by living righteously and by using it properly and effectively.

The religion of Christ is not merely an idea; it is an activity—and eternal life depends on how effective the activity is.

SACRIFICE — Concluded

things looked very black, and some of the most promising among those who helped in its organisation fell by the way side — even the Prophet's wife gave up before the race was fully run.

Today, as we come to another anniversary we would do well to assess our own lives in relation to the sacrifice made by these two righteous men. They gave their lives that we might enjoy the blessings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus said: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13.)

Yes, we have reason to honour the memory of Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum; for reverently we declare: "Joseph Smith, the

prophet and Seer of the Lord, has done more, save Jesus only, for the salvation of men in this world, than any other man that ever lived in it."

"He lived great, and died great in the eyes of God and his people; and like most of the Lord's anointed in ancient times, has sealed his mission and his works with his own blood, and so has his brother Hyrum. In life they were not divided and in death they were not separated. They lived for glory; they died for glory; and glory is their eternal reward. From age to age, shall their name go down to posterity as gems for the sanctified." (Doctrine and Covenants Section 135.)

Where You There?

*Were you there
When the Prophet fell?
Were you there
To hear the mob yell?

A broken, unhinged door.
A smoking rifle bore.
"My Lord, my God!"
The Prophet said.
Beloved Brother Joseph's dead!*

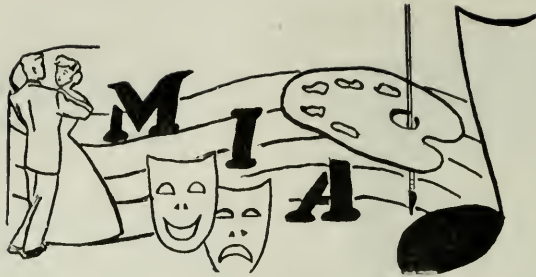
by Ernest Osman

POTTER'S HAND — Concluded

the link that binds your soul to the spirit of God.

Here lies an excellent guide for moulding us into the sculpturing marks of God so we might become like him. This one thought alone gives consolation, knowing the most magnificent creation of all, is a human being at his best. Do you as Brothers and Sisters know where to

begin? I think the prophet Joseph Smith gave us an excellent start when he intimated our greatest reward is the satisfaction we derive from knowing that we are discharging our full responsibility. God is very near. He wants to use you. Let him use you for the building up of His Kingdom by becoming edifying masterpieces in his hands.



A TWO-DAY stake M.I.A. Convention had come to a close. A lovely young woman stood in the pulpit to offer the benediction; to thank her Father in Heaven for having permitted His rich spirit to be in each of the meetings of two days. "Father in Heaven, we thank thee for the spirit of the past two days, . . ." Silence, deep and penetrating . . . no words seemed to come. Tears were evident in the voice, and we all knew that emotions had overcome the prayer. Control finally came and our Father in Heaven was thanked again for the wonderful spirit present in the past two days, then asked to help us to keep this spirit in our hearts always. She continued: "Help us to rededicate our lives, to catch the vision of our callings, to remember that we are serving the youth of this great Church, to remember that we are charged to build testimonies and develop God-given talents. Help us to forget ourselves in service to Thee and to our Latter-day Saint youth".

At the end of the meeting as we chatted with this M.I.A. worker with tears rolling down her cheeks she laughed and said, "I was going to quit, but I knew at the end of to-day's meeting that I could not. I felt the spirit of rededication come over me so strongly that now I am going to pitch in and be a real leader—a leader you will be proud of".

There is a world-wide tradition for man to rededicate himself to better things at the beginning of each year. For many of us that is the time when we make many new resolutions. However, the spirit of rededication and the resolve to be a

leader of whom our Father will be very proud can come at any time, be it at the first of the year or at the last, be it at the end of a meeting or the beginning, be it morning, noon or night. May we always determine to take our M.I.A. assignments more seriously. Might we say to ourselves, "How blessed I am to be called to work with the youth of the noble birthright. How blessed to be able to light beacons along life's highway and to keep those beacons burning brightly. How blessed to be the one to help straighten the thinking of our noble youth in a day when "conspiring men" are conditioning their thinking and confusing them in so many ways. How blessed to be able to teach our youth that it is smart to be a Latter-day Saint, and that being a true Latter-day Saint will bring the precious peace, that path of understanding, and will build happy memories in the tomorrows of their lives".

There are other personal blessings that come from being active in the Church. Leaders also grow mentally and spiritually. There is nothing to compare with the satisfaction of a job well performed for our Master. There is nothing like the good fellowship and friendship that is born and nurtured as people associate in church service. All these and other blessings are there for good M.I.A. leaders. On reaching fourscore and five, our beloved prophet, President David O. McKay said, "If I named the blessings I have at eighty-five I would list health, sweet memories, joy in labour, faith in God and his goodness, an unselfish desire to serve and bless his
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ANOTHER month has gone by since we started using the new Sunday School report forms. I want to thank you all for your co-operation in this matter. Please remember in filling out these forms that, above all, they must be accurate and legible. The Mission Office requires two copies of this report, as one is retained by us and the remaining one is forwarded to Church headquarters. I would ask you secretaries if you would always make sure that your reports are sent in on time. It makes it difficult for us to get our report in on time if you are a little late with yours. Mention was made last month with regards to your enlistment work. I see that one or two Branches have made great strides in this matter. Keep it up. I hope that the rest of the Branches will soon have their enlistment programmes under way. In these particular Branches which have an active enlistment programme there seems to be a marked increase in their attendance, so this work does have a widespread effect even when carried out by only one or two classes.

Just a word or two to you who are Sunday School teachers. Do you sometimes feel that you just times feel that you just cannot continue? Do you sometimes feel that there are many in the class who have superior knowledge and are better equipped than yourself? There may be some in the class who have a greater knowledge, but remember you are the teacher and the whole idea of a Sunday School class is to share ideas and knowledge. You are there to guide the discussion and to make use of the combined knowledge of all those in the class so that each one of those in attendance may feel they have gained something. We as members of the Church must constantly hear the principles of the gospel so that we will be able to pattern our lives in the correct manner. By taking active part in Sunday School classes we are able to always keep them fresh in our minds. Again the point of a Sunday School class is to make use of the knowledge and experience of each and every member of the class in order to make a success of the lesson.

M.I.A. — Concluded

children, loyal friends, brotherhood, and the companionship and love of loved ones—and the assurance that these cherished loved ones may be ours, always and forever. My mother's beautiful example has always remained with me, also—her gentleness and patience and sincerity—always the perfect lady. What a beautiful and lasting impression she left in the minds of her

children".

"I was going to quit" said one lovely leader, "but to-day I have rededicated myself to the service of the Master. To-day I have made a good resolution, a happy resolution that I will be important in the life of some young person". May all M.I.A. leaders everywhere catch this spirit.



Recorded This Month

BAPTISMS

- FORD, Susan Natalie**, Durban, b. Elder Dale Heyland, c. Elder Lyle Taggart on May 31, 1959.
- JELLIMAN, Lydia Grace**, Pretoria, b. Elder Robert L. Milne, c. Elder David C. Simpson on May 10, 1959.
- GERNEKE, Raymond Reynald**, Pretoria, b. Elder David C. Le-Baron, c. George Texas Smith, April 12, 1959.
- JANSEN VAN VUUREN, Wessel** Jacobus, Pretoria, b. Elder David C. Simpson, c. Elder Robert L. Milne, May 10, 1959.
- JANSEN VAN VUUREN, Daphne**, Pretoria, b. Elder Robert L. Milne, c. Elder David C. Simpson, May 10, 1959.
- GALLON, Irene Elaine**, Luanshya, b. Douglas E. Charsley, c. Douglas E. Charsley, May 10, 1959.
- GALLON, Theresa Anne Helen**, Luanshya, b. Douglas E. Charsley, c. Douglas E. Charsley, May 10, 1959.
- SNYMAN, Valerie**, Bellville, b. Elder Gary Howlett, c. President Glen G. Fisher, May 24, 1959.
- BOOYSEN, Jan Jacobus**, Bellville, b. Elder Gary Howlett, c. Elder Frank Conlin, May 24, 1959.
- SWANEPOEL, Yvonne Carol**, Krugersdorp, b. Elder Glen Barfuss, c. Elder Doyle Thomas West, May 10, 1959.
- SWANEPOEL, Anna Jacoba Catharine** Susanna, Krugersdorp, b. Elder Glen Barfuss, c. Elder Doyle Thomas West, May 10, 1959.
- JAKINS, Sheridan Adrian**, Krugersdorp, b. Richard Bradfield Jakins, c. Elder James Prins, May 10, 1959.

- GROBLER, Daniel Benjamin** John, Krugersdorp, b. Elder Wayne Grant Greep, c. Elder Wayne Grant Greep, May 10, 1959.
- BRABY, George Frederick**, Pietermaritzburg, b. Elder Visente Henry Garcia, c. Elder Harold Melvin Coad, May 31, 1959.

ORDINATIONS

- RICHARDS, Theodore**, Pretoria, was ordained a Deacon by Jan Lion-Cachet on April 5, 1959.
- DU PLESSIS, Charl Hendrick**, Pretoria, was ordained a Deacon by Cecil L. Bibb, May 3, 1959.
- JAKINS, Wendell Garrick**, Durban, was ordained a Priest by Joseph M. Jakins, May 10, 1959.
- JAKINS, Duane**, Durban, was ordained a Priest by Ronald Morrissey on May 10, 1959.
- McLELLAN, Aubrey Adnitt**, Durban, was ordained a Priest by Hiram H. McLellan on May 10, 1959.
- MILLER, Nigel Gerrard**, Durban, was ordained a Teacher by Walter Erasmus on May 10, 1959.
- HOWDEN, James Alexander**, Durban, was ordained a Priest by Walter Erasmus on May 10, 1959.
- OUWERKERK, Gerard Marinus**, Durban, was ordained a Priest by Victor H. Henning on May 10, 1959.
- SHARPE, Francis Noel Brian**, Durban, was ordained a Priest by Joseph M. Jakins on May 10, 1959.
- DUTTON, William Holder**, Pietermaritzburg, was ordained a Deacon by Joseph M. Jakins on May 10, 1959.

JAKINS, Charles Frederick, Bellville, was ordained a Teacher by **Eric J. Jakins** on May 10, 1959.
GOETSCH, Robert Earle, Krugersdorp, was ordained a Teacher by Elder Doyle Thomas West on May 3, 1959.

STRYDOM, Charles Powrie, Krugersdorp, was ordained a Deacon by Harry Greer on May 10, 1959.

GREER, Harry, Krugersdorp, was ordained an Elder by President Glen G. Fisher on May 17, 1959.

MARRIAGES

DE KLERK, Theodorus Engelbartus, to **Anna Maria SWANE-POEL**, on May 9, 1959, at Durban, Natal.

DEPARTURES

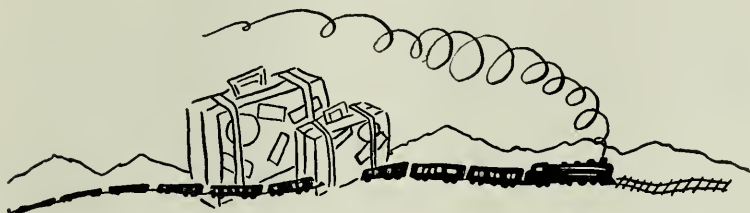
VANDOROS, Anastasia, sailed for Canada on May 29, 1959.

VICE, Ulric Donovan, sailed for Canada, May, 1959.

BIRTHS

LEZAR, Charistina Francina, daughter of **Carel Sternberg Lezar** and **Susarah Johanna Lezar**, born on March 27, 1959, at Virginia, O.F.S.

SPRIESTERSBACH, Marc, son of **Heinz** and **Alma Sylvia Spriestersbach**, born June 1st, 1959, at Krugersdorp, Transvaal.



OUR MISSIONARIES

TRANSFERS:

Name	From:	To:
Rosa van Schalkwyk	Port Elizabeth	Bloemfontein
Jean Wood	Bloemfontein	Durban
Gary Howlett	Bellville	Krugersdorp
Doyle West	Krugersdorp	Cape Town

ARRIVALS:

ODESSA GELDENHUYS of Cape Town was set apart for missionary service on 31st May, 1959. She has been assigned to labour in Port Elizabeth.

PETER GARTSIDE of Bulawayo was set apart as a missionary on June 16th, 1959, and was assigned to labour in Bellville.

APPOINTMENTS:

WAYNE GREEP was appointed Supervising Elder of the Welkom District on 26th May, 1959.

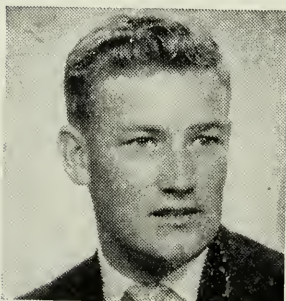
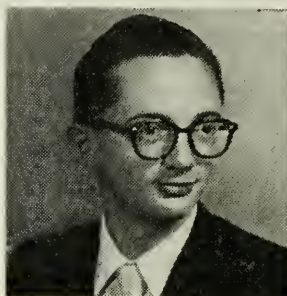
DOYLE WEST was appointed Associate Editor of the C.S.M. and Mission Historian on June 24th, 1959.

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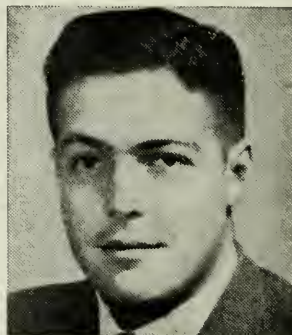
Douglas Henderson of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, laboured in East Rand, West Rand, Johannesburg, and Cape Town. He served as supervising Elder of the West Rand District, Mission Supervisor of the Sunday School and M.I.A., and Second Counsellor to President Glen G. Fisher.

Thomas H. Goetz of Glenwood, Alberta, Canada, laboured in Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage, Pietermaritzburg, West Rand, East Rand, and Witbank.



Donald E. Harper of Cape Town, Cape Province, laboured in East London, Johannesburg, Bulawayo, and Port Elizabeth. He served as Supervising Elder of the Port Elizabeth District.

Andries J. G. Naude of Durban, Natal, laboured in Cape Town, Bloemfontein, Krugersdorp, Pretoria, Johannesburg, and Cape Town. He served as Supervising Elder of the Pretoria and West Rand Districts.



We are grateful to these missionaries for their fine labours and wish them the choicest blessings of our Father in Heaven.

PRESIDENT'S DESK — Continued

and he, in turn to the Presidency of the Church. The only one, in the same sense, with whom the members have to do, is the Bishop, but he is not the superior officer by any means.

In another revelation which President Young taught many times, we find the following:

"Wherefore, verily I say unto you that all things unto me are spiritual and not at any time have I given unto you a law which was temporal; neither any men, nor the children of men; neither Adam, your father, **whom I created.**"

The doctrine taught by the Church in relation to Adam is clearly defined in the following taken from the 107th section of the Doctrine and Covenants:

"Three years previous to the death of Adam, he called Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch and Methuselah, who were all high priests, with the residue of his posterity who were righteous, into the valley of Adam-ondi-Ahman, and there bestowed upon them his last blessing.

And the Lord appeared unto them, and they rose up and blessed Adam, and called him Michael, the prince, the archangel.

And the Lord administered comfort unto Adam, and said unto him: I set thee to be at the head; a multitude of nations shall come of thee, and thou art a prince over them for ever.

And Adam stood up in the midst of the congregation; and, notwithstanding he was bowed down with age, being full of the Holy Ghost predicted whatever should befall his posterity unto the latest generation."

From these passages President Brigham Young could very properly say that we are subject to Adam;

that he rules over his posterity, and he gives us commandment, even as he receives commandment from Jesus Christ who directs him in his ministry and will do so to the latest day of time. And this does not detract anything from the power, greatness and glory of God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ.

Men who harp upon this saying in the discourse of President Brigham Young, know just as well as they know anything—for it has come to their attention hundreds of times, that Brigham Young did not confuse Adam with Jesus Christ or the Father whom he worshipped.

There is a volume published containing the saying of President Young in which his doctrine concerning the Father and the Son, and Adam's relationship to them is clearly declared in many pages. But when men desire to malign and misrepresent, such things count for nothing.

This is from one of the discourses of Brigham Young:

"We are all the children of Adam and Eve, and they are the offspring of Him who dwells in the heavens, the Highest Intelligence that dwells anywhere that we have any knowledge of." Now, if he believed what some people like to interpret him as saying, then he could not say such a thing as that.

Again he said:

"The greatest desire in the bosom of our Father Adam, or of his faithful children who are co-workers with God, our Father in Heaven, is to save the inhabitants of the earth."

This certainly does not sound like the interpretations erroneously credited to him, but rather conveys his views in relation to the Father and the Son and Adam, whom God created.

Steel that loses its temper is worthless — so are men.

To be a true teacher one must be a living example of his own teachings.

All men cannot be the best; but every man can be his best.

PRETORIA BRANCH

By Sister M. Cachet

The M.I.A. held a social evening during the month. Prizes were awarded to Brothers Pieter Roosenschoon and Jan Lion Cachet during the evening.

A Fireside was held on the 14th June at the home of Sister Rossouw.

Our Building Fund Committee have indeed been wracking their brains to think up ways of making money. A "cover-coathanger" competition was held, and we have to congratulate Sister Rossouw on carrying off the prize.



THE BRANCHES REPORT

Johan Smit and his brother Boetie have both been ill—Johan with smallpox and Boetie with tonsilitis. Ca'man Lion-Cachet managed to get measles, but we are happy to report that these brethren are all getting on very well.

We are very pleased to welcome Brother C. Pieterse into the branch after his baptism on the 14th June.

Brother Jan Lion-Cachet organised a hike on the 25th May to the Fountains.

LUANSHYA BRANCH

by Sister J. Charsley

Congratulations to Sister Ria and David Jansen on the birth of their daughter Teresa. Brother and Sister Charsley welcomed a baby daughter and are calling her Janet Anne.

We are very glad to welcome back to our branch Brother and Sister Fourie and Mary Anne from Brakpan.

The sisters at Kitwe held a very successful cake sale during the month.

We are very sorry to lose Brother Ronnie Roux and family, who will be making their home near Springs.

EAST LONDON BRANCH

by Sister Rita Corrigan

Mother's Day was celebrated with a short programme presented by Brother Corrigan and family.

Tragedy struck the home of Brother and Sister Hees on May 10th, when their home was burnt down. Good news soon followed this when Brother Hees received word that he was to be transferred to Standerton, where they could move into a new home. They left on the 15th May, together with Elder Pilling, and we were certainly very sorry to lose them.

The M.I.A. held a picnic on the 1st June. Monday morning dawned bright and fair, and we had a fine turnout of members and investigators.

We were happy to have Sisters Sparg and Pratt with us on Sunday, 31st May. Sister Sparg told us about her recent visit to Canada and Salt Lake City and her meetings with Sister Elaine Jubber and Sisters Paxman and Moore.

Sunday, June 14th, we were honoured with a short visit by President and Sister Fisher. Those who attended service that morning went home with some wonderful thoughts after the inspiring talks

given by President and Sister Fisher. Brother Everton was also our guest.

Our congratulations go to Brother and Sister Ernest Doller on the occasion of their marriage.

News has reached us from Boksburg that Sister Rona Hall and her husband have been blessed with a bonny son.

SPRINGS BRANCH

by Brother N. van Niekerk

On the 16th May the M.I.A. held an informal party at the home of Sister Marie van Niekerk.

We regret to report that Brother Ronnie Louw met with an accident on the road to Durban and he had to be hospitalised. During the May long week-end Brothers Ken Armstrong, Val van Niekerk, Noel Putter and Wynn Armstrong visited Brother Louw in hospital and reported that he was progressing well.

The Relief Society dinner held on the 5th June was an outstanding success.

The Sunday School took charge of the evening service on the 7th June. A chorus was presented by Sister Jill Armstrong, June van Niekerk and Beverley Louw. Brother Ken Armstrong spoke to us on the importance of Testimony.

On the 12th June the Junior Sunday School held a party at the home of Sister M. van Niekerk.

RAMAH BRANCH

by Brother Gerard Meyer

Our Professional Concert went over very well. We have to thank the Moore and Sutherland families for arranging this affair and also Mr. H. Russel, who compered the show.

Ramah is growing steadily trying to fill the ranks of the members who find it necessary to do the long hop to Zion, and it is with pleasure that we welcome our new members who were baptised on the 14th June. We are also pleased to announce the arrival of a new daughter for Brother and Sister Don Ninow.

We are sorry to have to report the illness of Sister Louise Phipson, who is at present in hospital,

and pray that she might soon be well again.

Brother Johann Brummer's Teacher and Speech Training Classes have now started, and if you are a bit bashful about speaking from the pulpit or wish to improve your speech presentation, then you should attend these lectures, held every two weeks at Ramah. These lectures are open to the Transvaal District and all are welcome.

BULAWAYO BRANCH

by Sister Iris Fourie

Sisters Isaacs and Jubber have been on the sick list, but we are happy to report that they are on their feet once again.

We wish every success to Sister Loraine Isaacs as she starts her first job since leaving school.

Sister Cooksley of Pretoria is visiting her daughter, Sister Joyce Janes, and Sister Fourie of Hermanus is visiting her daughter, Sister Iris Fourie. We have had the opportunity of hearing from them both at our Sacrament services.

Saturday, 13th June, we had a most enjoyable social—a fine turnout it was. To all those who helped to make the social such a success we say "Thank you." The social was given in honour of Brother Peter Gartside prior to his departure for Cape Town, where he starts his mission.

We were very sorry to hear of the accident sustained by Brother and Sister Hubert while they were on holiday in Rhodesia and hope that they had a safe journey home.

SALISBURY BRANCH

by J. Schonnberg

Our month began with the Annual Relief Society Dinner, which proved a great success. After a lovely dinner prepared by the Sisters we heard from Brother Hugh Hodgkiss and Sister Theo Matthews. The remainder of the evening was spent playing games.

Another happy evening was Friday, 1st May, when Mutual held a talent evening. All who attended took part in entertaining the group. Refreshments were provided

by Sister Anne Hoffman, at whose home the event took place.

We are delighted to announce the arrival of a newcomer into our midst—an organ. We are happy to be able to take it with us to our new meeting place as from May 1st.

May 10th was given over to a special programme to celebrate Mother's Day. Each mother was presented with a posy, and it did the heart good to see and hear the sweet way the children spoke of their mothers. After the Sacrament meeting in the evening a Fireside was held.

During June a most successful Cake Sale was held to raise funds for the M.I.A. In no time we had raised £10.

Relief Society arranged a bread-making demonstration at the home of Sister Clark. The demonstration was well attended by both members and friends, and we all enjoyed the evening of instruction and companionship.

We had a surprise visit from Elder Jensen when his plane stopped in Salisbury for a few hours. We were happy to renew our acquaintance with him and wish him a safe journey home.

Our welcome goes to Elder Melville, who has joined us and pray that he will enjoy his labours here.

The M.I.A. held a Speech Contest, and it was good to see even the youngest members' attempts at improving their speech presentation.

The evening service on the 7th June was conducted by the Sunday School. The theme was "The Prophet Joseph Smith." Sisters Sandra Allen and Anne Hoffman and Brother Clark did full justice to our Prophet.

A Fireside was held at the home of Brother and Sister Hodgkiss on the 14th, and we enjoyed hearing some organ recordings and excerpts from well-known books. We were happy to have Brother and Sister Hubert and Renee from Cape Town. President Hubert addressed us, as did his daughter, and we thank them for their inspiring words. We are sorry about the accident which cut short their

holiday and are happy to report that no serious injury was sustained by them.

EAST RAND BRANCH

by Cecily Holtshausen

On the 25th April we held a most enjoyable Fireside after the evening service.

On the 2nd May the East Rand Branch held a Mock Trial in aid of Sunday School funds. We were grateful to have President and Sister Fisher with us and also the members from Ramah and Springs.

During the month our Second Counsellor, Brother Holtshausen, was transferred to Welkom, and his place was taken by Brother B. Bester. We wish him every success in this undertaking.

On the 7th May a few of the East Rand saints attended a dance and braaivleis at Springs. This function was enjoyed by all who attended.

On Friday, May 29th, the East Rand Branch held a braaivleis at the home of Brother and Sister Alexander. This event was well enjoyed by all the members and visitors.

Sunday, June the 7th, the East Rand Branch was honoured by a visit from the District Presidency. During the evening service Brother Patterson delivered a very fine message to the Saints, who thoroughly enjoyed his talk. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking these fine men who travel a long way to pay our branch a visit. Many thanks to the Relief Society for the hymns they rendered during the service.

NORTH WESTERN BRANCH

by Bertha Wagener

We are pleased to announce that we are now holding our Sunday meetings in the Parkhurst School, and hope this will be our first step to building our own chapel.

We all enjoyed the fireside at Ramah after District Conference. We saw the film on the Los Angeles Temple, and this increased our desire to visit the Temple and to do the work for our departed.

Relief Society held a very successful cake sale on the 13th June and raised £25. The work leader, Sister Wagener, wishes to express her appreciation to the sisters for their co-operation.

Sister McKnight has been ill in hospital. Sister Schafer and Elder Scully have both had a bout of flu. May the Lord bless them that they might be well soon.

Sister Britz of Rhodesia welcomed a lovely daughter on the 5th June.

DURBAN BRANCH

by Joyce Wahlburn

We are very glad to have back with us once again Sister Natalie Fagan, who has just completed a 13-month mission.

On the 30th May the Building Fund sponsored a wonderful evening's entertainment in the form of a braai and square dance. Both socially and financially this event was very successful. A cake sale, also sponsored by the Building Fund, was held on the 13th June.

All organisations in our Branch have been assessed £10 each for the Hall Fund, and on the 13th June the Relief Society Singing Mothers held a dance and curry supper at the home of Sister Gwen Nell to raise their £10.

A lovely baby daughter was born to Sister Jaranda and Mr. Tony Pain on the 30th May.

We welcome into our midst Sister Susan Ford, who was baptised on the 31st May.

A most interesting programme, centred around the Prophet Joseph Smith, was presented by the Sunday School on 7th June.

Our Deacons spent a most hilarious afternoon playing volley-ball and football at the South Beach on the 13th June.

Our M.I.A. has been carrying out the "Be Honest With Yourself" Fireside Programme, and as they finish the first round of this series we congratulate them on the fine job they have done.

We have enjoyed so much having Brother Ronnie Louw with us for a few weeks, and just regret that his stay had such a "bumpy" beginning! Other welcome visitors

from Springs were Brothers Armstrong, Futter and Van Niekerk.

PORT ELIZABETH

by Madge McHugh

On June 12th President and Sister Fisher arrived in Port Elizabeth, and President Fisher married Brother Ernest Doller and Sister Sylvia Strydom. The chapel was beautifully decorated with gladioli and carnations. The reception was held in the Recreation Hall, after which Brother and Sister Doller left on their honeymoon.

President and Sister Fisher attended evening service, and we were privileged to hear them speak. During the service Brother Sidney Trollip and Brother Eric Everton received certificates of merit for attendance and assignments in the Aaronic Priesthood in 1958.

We are pleased to say that the members who were on the sick list have recovered now, although Sister Smith has to undergo another operation.

BLOEMFONTEIN BRANCH

by C. H. Spear

Since last reporting on Branch activities we have suffered the loss of Brother Henry J. van Rooyen, who died recently. We all miss him greatly, but at the same time treasure our acquaintance with him and the many examples he set for us in his life-time. We are sure that members of other Branches who knew Brother van Rooyen are glad of their association with him. Our sympathies are with Sister van Rooyen and her family, and we trust that the Lord will continue to bless her. We are glad to say that for the time being she has decided to stay here in Bloemfontein so we will still be able to follow her example and listen to her words of advice and counsel.

Our chapel is growing rapidly. In almost two months we will be able to occupy the building for meetings.

The Relief Society held a cake sale just before going into recess, and as a result our Building Fund is richer by £22.

On the 20th June a dinner was held for the Branch in honour of the Aaronic Priesthood. We were also honoured by the presence of President and Sister Fisher, Brother and Sister I. C. Louw, Brother and Sister Hubert and Renee of Cape Town. The dinner was a great success and was well worth the effort.

We were pleased to have the above-mentioned guests with us for our Conference meeting on Sunday. We heard from President and Sister Fisher and Brother Louw, who all paid tribute to the Priesthood holders and their women supporters.

In the evening we had a special programme on the Restoration of the Higher Priesthood. Brothers John and Brian Spear, John and Peter Daubney were presented with their Aaronic Priesthood awards, the 1957 awards being presented by the boys' mothers and the 1958 awards by the fathers on behalf of President Fisher. It was a memorable day for the Daubney family, as Brother Stan was ordained an Elder by Brother Pieter Milne.

MOWBRAY BRANCH

by Beatrice Smith

Union Day proved to be the wettest holiday we have had for a long time. The Relief Society sponsored a day of sport and games in the Recreation Hall. Those of us who had not prepared packed lunches were able to obtain our refreshments from the Sisters, who are certainly on the ball when it comes to raising funds for the Bazaar.

On June 4th, two of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade ladies gave a demonstration of first-aid methods at Relief Society. Sister McGregor made a very adequate model for the demonstrator. Afterwards refreshments were served and all of us agreed that this was a most instructional and entertaining evening.

June 7th was the Sunday School evening in the Chapel. Speakers and music were all centred around the Prophet Joseph Smith and the Restoration of the Gospel.

Relief Society went into recess with a bang on the 11th. Husbands

and boy-friends were invited, and joined whole-heartedly in the fun. The games were organised by Mr. Dawson. A competition for a pretty matinee jacket was won by Sister Veronica Dallender. This party put the climax on a very successful half-year for the Sisters.

Brother and Sister Hubert were away on holiday. This was a happy trip for them, as they went to collect Renee at the conclusion of her mission.

We were happy to see Brother and Sister Milne from Bloemfontein for a few days. This visit was a preliminary to Brother Bernard Milne's return to the Free State. We should like to thank him for the many happy times and the good work for which he has been responsible during his sojourn at the Cape.

Congratulations go to Sister Imelda Fourie, who has completed all the requirements for her Golden Gleaner award. The award was made by Sister R. Nielssen on the evening of the 6th.

The M.I.A. held a very successful "Around the World" party on the 20th. We had an appetizer in Hawaii, followed by a pasta repast in sunny Italy. From thence, to India for curry and rice. Finally, we pitched up in an igloo at the North Pole for ices. "Thank you" M.I.A. for a most enjoyable evening.

Flu has been responsible for a falling-off in attendances this month. Sister Maria Butt is now making good progress after her recent illness.

Welcome home — Sister Zoraida Williams, after an interesting and successful genealogical trip.

Sister Veronica Dallender and family are away for the holidays at Hermanus, together with the Frank Fourie's.

Sister Brand has been in hospital for an operation. She is now home and making good progress.

Also down with flu are Sister Helene Theys, Sister May Rayner, Sister Ena Osborne and Sister Violet Taylor.

Sister Peggy Sparg spent a few weeks in town after her visit to Canada and the United States.

WHERE TO MEET

TRANSVAAL

RAMAH BRANCH

Meetings: 1, Hunter Street, Highlands, Johannesburg.

Branch President: K. Brian Chater; Phone 45-5575.

KRUGERSDORP BRANCH

Meetings: Krugersdorp Town Hall Lecture Room.

Branch President: D. Cherrett.

NORTH WESTERN BRANCH

Meetings: 85 Eleventh Street, Parkhurst, Johannesburg.

Branch President: W. H. Brummer.

SPRINGS BRANCH

Meetings: 23, Eleventh Street, Springs.

Branch President: Douglas Hulbert.

EAST RAND BRANCH

Meetings: Masonic Hall, Brakpan.

Branch President: J. H. Adendorff; Phone 54-6277.

PRETORIA BRANCH

Meetings: Sanlam Buildings, corner of Andries and Pretorius Streets.

Branch President: Lionel Bibb.

PRIMROSE BRANCH

Meetings: English Medium School, Cnr. Beaconsfield Ave. and Shamrock Road, Primrose.

Branch President: C. Norbury.

NATAL

DURBAN BRANCH

Meetings: 144 Silverton Road, Durban.

Branch President: Ray Gordon Wilson.

PIETERMARITZBURG BRANCH

Meetings: Oddfellows' Hall, 136 Longmarket Street (just above Chapel St.)

Branch President: R. M. Morrissey.

CAPE PROVINCE

MOWBRAY BRANCH

Meetings: Cumorah, Main Road, Mowbray.

Branch President: Alwin Hubert; Phone 4-5275.

BELLVILLE BRANCH

Meetings: Public Library, off Main Road, Bellville.

Branch President: N. J. Goosen; Phone 97-3285.

PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH

Meetings: 40 Prospect Road, Walmer.

Branch President: C. R. Doller; Phone 51-2138.

EAST LONDON BRANCH

Meetings: Sons of England Hall, Belgravia Crescent, East London.

Branch President: Alfred J. Corrigan; Phone 8-1821.

ORANGE FREE STATE

BLOEMFONTEIN BRANCH

Meetings: Red Cross Building, Alexander Avenue.

Branch President: S. J. Spear; Phone 5060.

WELKOM BRANCH

Meetings: Masonic Hall Stateway.

Branch President: Andrew W. Robinson.

RHODESIA

BULAWAYO BRANCH

Meetings: Boy Scout Headquarters on 8th Avenue, off Lobangula Street.

Branch President: R. Isaac.

SALISBURY BRANCH

Meetings: Benhay Art House, Corner Sinoia and Albion Streets.

Branch President: Hugh H. Hodgkiss.

GWELO

Meetings: Riverside School, Athlone Drive.

LUANSHYA BRANCH

Meetings: 121 "F" Avenue, Luanshya.

Branch President: Douglas Charsley.

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PRAISE TO THE MAN

Praise to the man who communed with Jehovah!

Jesus annointed that Prophet and Seer.

Blessed to open the last dispensation,

Kings shall extol him, and nations revere.

Praise to his memory, he died as a martyr;

Honoured and blest be his ever great name!

Long shall his blood, which was shed by assassins,

Plead unto heaven while the earth lauds his fame.

Great is his glory and endless his priesthood.

Ever and ever the keys he will hold.

Faithful and true, he will enter his kindgom,

Crowned in the midst of the prophets of old.

Sacrifice brings forth the blessings of heaven;

Earth must atone for the blood of that man.

Wake up the world for the conflict of justice.

Millions shall know "Brother Joseph" again.

Hail to the Prophet, ascended to heaven!

Traitors and tyrants now fight him in vain.

Mingling with Gods, he can plan for his brethren;

Death cannot conquer the hero again.

—William W. Phelps

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